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SUBJECT: INDO-U.S. TEXTILE AGREEMENT

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1. LATEST ROUND OF TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS TOOK PLACE IN
WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 28 AND 30. NEW FIVE YEAR AGREEMENT
COVERING COTTON, WOOL AND MAN-MADE FIBER TEXTILES AND PRO-
VIDING FOR 186,206,000 SQUARE YARD EQUIVALENT FOR FIRST
AGREEMENT YEAR WAS CONCLUDED ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS. THE
INDIANS VIEWED THIS AGREEMENT AS MORE DESIRABLE THAN AN
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EXTENSION OF THE 1974 COTTON AGREEMENT IN EITHER ITS ORI-
GINAL FORM OR AS MODIFIED BY THE 1977 AMENDMENT. MAIN
ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT ARE OUTLINED IN FOLLOWING RECORD OF
DISCUSSIONS:

2. RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS - REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF

INDIA MEETING IN WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 28 AND 30 AGREED TO EXCHANGE NOTES BY DECEMBER 20 ESTABLISHING AN AGREEMENT REGARDING TRADE IN COTTON, WOOL, AND MAN-MADE FIBER TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS FOR THE FIVE YEAR TERM STARTING JANUARY 1, 1978 WITH A MAJOR REVIEW BETWEEN THE SECOND AND

THIRD YEARS. THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE AGGREGATE FOR THE FIRST AGREEMENT YEAR WILL BE 186,206,000 SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT (SYE). THE LIMIT FOR GROUP I, YARN AND FABRIC WILL BE 150,803,000 SYE AND THE LIMIT FOR GROUP II, APPAREL, MADE-UPS AND MISCELLANEOUS WILL BE 35,403,000 SYE.

2. DESIGNATED CONSULTATION LEVELS SHALL BE:

GROUP I

YARN AND FABRIC

313 SHEETING-----50,000,000 SYE
315 PRINTCLOTH-----12,500,000 SYE
317 TWILLS AND SATEEN-----24,000,000 SYE
319 DUCK-----17,500,000 SYE
320 OTHER FABRIC-----45,000,000 SYE
610 CONTINUOUS CELLULOSIC, WOVEN----- 7,000,000 SYE
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GROUP II

APPAREL, MADE-UPS, AND
MISCELLANEOUS

360 PILLOWCASES-----8,181,818 PIECES
-----9,000,000 SYE
361 SHEETS-----1,612,903 PIECES
-----10,000,000 SYE
362 BEDSPREADS-----333,333 PIECES
-----2,300,000 SYE
363 TERRY AND OTHER PILE TOWELS-----20,000,000 PIECES
-----10,000,000 SYE
369 OTHER MANUFACTURERS-----2,608,696 LBS.
-----12,000,000 SYE
666 OTHER MAN-MADE FIBER-----256,410 LBS.
FURNISHINGS-----2,000,000 SYE

ALL OTHER CONSULTATION LEVELS WILL BE 1,000,000 SYE FOR YARN, FABRIC, MADE-UPS AND MISCELLANEOUS OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBER, 700,000 FOR APPAREL OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBER, AND 100,000 FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF WOOL.

3. GROWTH IN THE AGGREGATE AND GROUPS LEVELS SHALL BE 7 PERCENT. SWING INTO GROUP I WILL BE 15 PERCENT AND SWING INTO GROUP II WILL BE 7 PERCENT. CARRYOVER AND CARRY FORWARD WILL BE 11 PERCENT OF WHICH CARRY FORWARD MAY BE NO MORE THAN 6 PERCENT.

4. EXPORTS OF HANDLOOM APPAREL PRODUCTS SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SHALL CONTINUE TO VISA THESE PRODUCTS ACCORDING TO THE VISA AGREEMENT OF FEBRUARY 19, 1976. EITHER GOVERNMENT MAY REQUEST CONSULTATIONS IN RESPECT TO THE TRADE IN SUCH PRODUCTS WHENEVER IT CONSIDERS SUCH CONSULTATIONS NECESSARY. CONSULTATIONS WILL BEGIN WITHIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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30 DAYS OF THE REQUEST FOR THEM. PENDING A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES MAY REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO RESTRAIN EXPORTS OF SUCH HANDLOOM APPAREL PRODUCTS. UPON RECEIVING SUCH A REQUEST, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WILL RESTRAIN EXPORTS OF SUCH PRODUCTS TO THE REQUESTED LEVEL WHICH SHALL NOT BE LOWER THAN THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SUCH IMPORTS IN ANY AGREEMENT YEAR PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT.

5. WITH REGARD TO TOTAL EXPORTS OF ALL TYPES OF APPAREL, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGREES IT WILL NOT DEPART APPRECIABLY IN ANY AGREEMENT YEAR FROM THE PATTERN OF EXPORTS IN THE 1975-76 AGREEMENT YEAR. IF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WISHES TO DEPART FROM THE PREVIOUS TRADE PATTERNS FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL APPAREL PRODUCT, IT MAY REQUEST CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, BUT WILL NOT DEPART FROM THE PATTERN OF TRADE PENDING A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION OF THESE CONSULTATIONS.

6. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREED THAT THE PATTERN OF TRADE REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 5 CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING LEVELS OF IMPORTS FOR THE FOLLOWING APPAREL PRODUCTS:

341 BLOUSES, NOT KNIT, W.G.I. 2,012,117 DOZEN
338, 339, KNIT SHIRTS, 340 MENS, BOYS WOVEN SHIRTS
919,351 DOZEN
336 DRESSES 168,190 DOZEN
347, 348 TROUSERS, M.B.W.G.I. 106,148 DOZEN. VANCE

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